

As part of my ongoing efforts to protect Second Amendment rights, I recently joined 130 of my fellow House members in [expressing my strong opposition](#) to potential provisions in the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty, which is being drafted this month, that infringe on Americans' rights or threaten U.S. security interests. The treaty would set forth international standards for importing and exporting conventional weapons. I share the concerns of a number of Northern Californians who are worried that this treaty could be used to undermine the constitutional right to bear arms.

I felt it was critical to weigh in strongly with President Obama and Secretary of State Hilary Clinton and explicitly indicate provisions that would be unacceptable. These include rules or prohibitions that would stifle lawful purchases of small arms or ammunition, add regulatory burdens on law-abiding businesses, or hinder U.S. commitments to provide arms to important allies such as Israel. It is my strong hope that the Senate would not ratify a UN Arms Trade Treaty that does not meet the criteria outlined in the letter. In the unlikely scenario that it does, the House could use the power of the purse to deny funding to implement the treaty, and I would support those efforts. In the meantime, I will continue to closely follow the drafting of the treaty and alert you to any developments that may threaten the rights guaranteed to all law-abiding Americans by the Second Amendment.